

COME ON, TEACHER!

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What is one of the most challenging experiences you had as a teacher? Does it have something to do with the curriculum, learning materials, budget, learners' behavior, stakeholders, etc.? In my everyday encounters, I must say, it is generally learners' behavior that leads me to think about resigning and pray for early retirement to be approved. In fact, some of my fellow teachers have the same

thoughts. Learners of this generation are quite Jurassic. Don't laugh. Good moral and right conduct for this batch is endangered already.

As I was browsing some paperback stories from the pile of books I saw, I came across the story of a sheepdog named Digby. I was laughing the whole time I was reading the story for it also reminded me of my experience in class. He was given the responsibility of putting the sheep in the pen by the farmer in the story.. Unfortunately, after trying several times to employ various means, he was unsuccessful.. The sheep simply disregarded him and laughed at him. In these scenarios, I remember the times when I wanted my learners to obey but did the opposite. From the story, the sheep were of different kinds, it was stated there that they didn't like being told where to go, or what to do. Therefore, Digby had a hard time. At the end of the story, he is able to put them into the pen with the help of the other farm animals. They advised him to be calmer instead of being furious always toward the sheep.

At the end of the story, another problem occurs but I believe, he will be able to solve it again with the help of his friends. Same with our cases. Whenever we are having some difficulties, we should be open to suggestions from others. It is also vital to have a

stable and regulated emotion toward handling situations to prevent frustrations and stresses.

This generation may be quite more challenging to manage, but hot-temperedness and anger won't solve it either. Henceforth, we must learn to calm and be still from time to time to gain the result we are hoping and praying for. So, just like the cheerful story "Come on, Digby" let me say this to you also, Come on, teacher! It's still a great spot to stay in this field.

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